

is a blessing to watch the people who serve our country pass legislation. I have a newfound respect for the Congress of this nation. This program is perfect for me. Young people are asked what they want to be when they grow up, and I always had no idea, so I would fabricate one of the many formulated answers and say something like a doctor or a lawyer, not really knowing exactly what I was saying. Now I think I know. Just like Members of Congress, I want to devote my life to service and make a difference in the world. I would be an Ambassador and work with different institutions around the world to make a change. Change to bring my home country of Eritrea, and bring its people, my people out of the straggling chokehold of poverty, to bring peace to the border conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia. People of these countries are the same: they share the same religion, culture, and values, divided only by politics.

A quote from George Bernard Shaw describes exactly how I feel:

"This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one: the being a force of nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I can live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for harder I work the more I live, I rejoice in life for its sake".

All this would not be possible without One World Now. Ms. Kristin Hayden nominated me to Congressman Jim McDermott, Democrat from the Seventh Congressional District of Washington State. When I was lucky enough to get into the program, I was then one of ten Pages selected to stay for a second semester to be a role model for the new Pages who were coming in for the Spring Session.

While in DC, I have thought about my summer a great deal. I would like to travel to China on a One World Now scholarship. I know this will be a fantastic. I am truly excited about traveling this summer. I will never forget what One World Now scholarships have offered me. Opportunities like these don't come every day, and One World Now isn't just an every day occurrence. I can guarantee you that Kirstin Hayden is talented and passionate; able to speak Russian and being a great entrepreneur that started this extraordinary program from scratch.

This program started five years ago at Ingram High School, with one language, Chinese, and twelve students. Now this program has extended itself to Garfield, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Rainier Beach, and Franklin High Schools—six different schools! I hope that it can continue to spread and impact many other high school students and make the difference in their lives as it has made in my life.

This reminds me of an anecdote. It is about a young man who tries to make a difference in the world:

It was high tide and there were thousands of Starfishes washed up ashore, and a man saw a young man throwing star fish back into the sea, and asked

"What are you doing?"

The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing Starfish back into the ocean."

"I guess I should have asked; why are you are throwing Starfish into the ocean?" said the bystander.

"The sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don't throw them in they'll die."

The young man said,

"But don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and Starfish all along it, you can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely, then bent down, picked up another Starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves. "It made a difference for that one."

One World Now is the young man making a difference in students' lives. I am an example of that difference being made. And guess what? I am going to make a difference in others lives also. One World Now makes its difference in a very unique way, I think this is why One World Now is so great! It empowers those, like me, who have found their commitment in life. One World Now is worth supporting. One World Now is worth attending. It's lasting legacy, it's gifts to Seattle and to the Nation, are the gifts of students like me. As I grow older and wiser, I realize that the more I serve my community, I change myself for the better, and I am also changing the world.

INTRODUCTION OF H.J. RES. 90, COMMENDING THE BARTER THEATRE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mr. BOUCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution commending the Barter Theatre on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. It is the longest continuously functioning live stage theater in the U.S.

The Barter Theatre is located in my hometown of Abingdon, Virginia. It was founded in 1933. In the midst of the Great Depression, money was difficult to obtain, and families were reluctant to use it on such a luxury as a theater performance. Yet founder Robert Porterfield offered a novel solution: Patrons could view live theater performances in exchange for fresh produce or livestock. This successful "ham for Hamlet" arrangement inspired the name, "Barter Theatre."

In its 75 years of existence, the Barter Theatre has established itself as a favorite destination for regional, national, and international visitors. Its popularity prompted the Virginia General Assembly in 1946 to designate the Barter Theatre as the State Theater of Virginia.

As a premiere tourist attraction in southwest Virginia, the theatre makes a significant economic and cultural contribution to the region. The town of Abingdon and its surrounding localities benefit from the theatre's ability to attract more than 145,000 guests annually to its productions.

The Barter Theatre is also a valuable educational resource, reaching thousands of children each season through its productions at Barter and Barter Stage II. Additionally, the Barter Players, the touring company of the theatre, travels to eight States each year performing at schools and community venues. Recently, Barter has created and implemented an innovative internet educational program which teaches students about artistic and technical theatrical elements using a Web-based interactive program available to classrooms across the region. This program exposes students to a side of a theatrical production that they might not have experienced otherwise.

I commend and congratulate the Barter Theatre for its contributions to our region and for

its many successes over the past 75 years. Passage of the resolution I have introduced commending the theater will be a fitting tribute to its many years of cultural contribution.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT LOUDNESS MITIGATION ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, most Americans are not overjoyed to watch television commercials, but they are willing to tolerate them to sustain free over-the-air television. What annoys all of us is the sudden increase of volume when commercials are aired.

While the FCC does not specifically regulate the volume of TV programs or TV commercials, broadcasters are required to have equipment that limits the peak power they can use to send out their audio and video signals. This means the loudest TV commercial can never be louder than the loudest part of any TV program.

A TV program has a mix of audio levels. There are loud parts and soft parts. Nuance is used to build the dramatic effect. Most advertisers don't want nuance. They want to grab our attention, and to do this, they record every part of it as loud as possible. The peak levels of commercials are no higher than the peak levels of program content, but those peaks are sustained for longer periods in commercials.

I've introduced the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act, CALM Act, to address the volume of commercials. The bill would mandate that the FCC within one year enact rules requiring that advertisements not be excessively noisy and that they must be at the same volume as the television programming they accompany.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this sensible bill.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE LIEUTENANT MONTY A. SHIPP FROM THE FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Police Lieutenant Monty A. Shipp who faithfully served the residents of the cities of Fairfield and Concord since 1981.

Prior to becoming a police officer, Lieutenant Shipp served 4 years in the United States Air Force from December 1977 to December 1981. Upon receiving an honorable discharge with an Air Force Commendation Medal and a Good Conduct Medal, Lieutenant Shipp continued his service to his country and community by joining the Concord Police Department.

Lieutenant Shipp served with the Concord Police Department for 4 years before being hired by the Fairfield Police Department. He showed considerable talent and promise and was promoted to Police Sergeant on March 23, 1990. His contributions to the police department could be seen in a variety of ways

as he performed supervisor duties in patrol, training, and investigations.

Lieutenant Shipp continued to distinguish himself showing superb moral character and a commitment to helping his community through his role with SAFE Team from 1987 to 1999. His hard work with such a worthy cause is just one of many admirable and laudable accomplishments of Lieutenant Shipp's career.

Lieutenant Shipp's decades of service and endless hard work culminated in his being granted the prestigious Distinguished Service Medal in December of 2001.

His well deserved promotion to lieutenant occurred on July 9, 2004. As a lieutenant, he became a well known role model for the patrol officers and investigation detectives with whom he worked. Lieutenant Shipp's strong character and positive influence were evident every day he was on the force.

Lieutenant Shipp embodies so many of the qualities that make for the best police officers. He is a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and will always be remembered and admired for work ethic, dedication, and impact on our cities.

A TRIBUTE TO STUART G.
MOLDAW

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my good friend Stuart G. Moldaw who passed away at the age of 81 on Saturday, May 24, 2008. Stuart is survived by his beloved wife, Phyllis, daughters Carol and Susan Moldaw, and four grandchildren.

A native of Boston and the son of a Russian immigrant, Stuart enlisted in the Navy in 1944 before using the G.I. Bill to attend Syracuse University where he met his future wife, Phyllis Israelson of Portland, Maine. After graduating in 1949 with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Economics, Stuart began his retail career at Le Bon Marche, a department store in Lowell, Massachusetts, and married Phyllis in 1950.

He then moved to California to work for another retailer, Lerner Shops, where he became a district manager and oversaw the opening of more than 20 Lerner stores, including ones in Oakland and the Stanford Shopping Center. In 1958, Stuart opened his first retail business, Country Casuals, in Palo Alto.

He also started Pic-a-Dilly, one of the country's earliest off-price apparel chains in 1973, and co-founded Athletic Shoe Factory in 1979, which featured national brands at discounted prices. Both chains were later sold. He also co-founded V.S. Venture Partners, a Mendo Park-based venture capital firm.

Stuart was a longtime Bay Area resident, pioneer entrepreneur and philanthropist who helped transform a small chain of local department stores into the Pleasanton-based retail giant Ross Dress for Less. Ross Stores Inc., acquired by Stuart in 1982, is a Fortune 500 company with \$6.1 billion in sales over the last 12 months, more than 900 stores in 27 states

and more than 40,000 employees. The original investors in the Ross venture included another Bay Area retail pioneer, Mervin G. Morris, the founder of Mervyn's, who had recently retired before becoming one of the Ross investors.

In a career that spanned more than a half-century, Stuart, a resident of Atherton, also helped launch several other retail ventures, including Sail Francisco-based Gymboree, a children's clothing retail chain launched in 1986. At the time of his death, Stuart was chairman emeritus of both Ross Stores and San Francisco-based Gymboree Corp.

Stuart Moldaw cared deeply about people and directed himself to make the world a better place. He was well-respected for his passion and commitment to improving the lives of those around him and was appointed by President Bill Clinton as a Public Delegate to the U.S. Mission at the United Nations in 1993 and as Chairman of the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars in 1996. In 2000, Governor Gray Davis appointed him to chair California's World Trade Commission, and 2 years later he was appointed to California's Little Hoover Commission. He also served on the boards of many Bay Area non-profits, including the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, the Jewish Community Endowment Fund and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. He gave tirelessly of himself to his family, friends, colleagues and community and set the highest standard for others to follow.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and accomplishments of Stuart G. Moldaw. His decades of contributions to his community and his country stand as lasting legacies of a life lived well. How privileged I am to have known him, represented him and to have had him as my friend. America is better because of him.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF BRIAN EMERICK

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, one of my constituents Brian Emerick, paid me a visit last year to relate the story of his fight against ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. He left me with these words, "Future generations must not face this disease with no known cause or cure. For the Emerick family, the challenge to strike out Lou Gehrig's disease comes with the highest imaginable significance—to honor the lives of past generations who died of the disease like my father, to improve the well-being of individuals currently living with the disease like myself, and to protect the health of future generations, like my children."

On Easter Sunday of this year, Brian finished his courageous battle with ALS with the same dignity with which he lived his entire life. It is his life that we are here to honor and his commitment to finding a cure for this disease that we are here to remember and pursue. Brian's story represents great hope that helps move us toward action to defeat ALS.

Brian's life was not and can not be defined solely by his courageous fight against ALS,

because he lived a full life that touched many before and after his diagnoses. Brian worked his way through school and college and later flew helicopters in the U.S. Army. He then went on to become a respected worker and leader at Rock-Tenn Paper Corporation. Brian had a well-known work ethic and never missed a day of work because of sickness. He continued working after his diagnosis and even when he visited the ALS clinic at Baptist Hospital he would tell doctors, "I really don't get sick, I'm actually as healthy as anyone could be if it weren't for this disease that keeps slowing me down."

The man who was a loving husband was also an amazing father. The man who was a tireless worker was also loved and honored in his work, his community and his church. And finally, that man who did all of those wonderful things, was also the man who fought ALS with courage for the past 3 years.

Brian, who never liked to take so much as a Tylenol, eventually took 27 pills a day and participated in five different clinical drug studies to help fight that deadly disease. Brian, who tried never to ask people for help unless he absolutely needed it, raised more than \$25,000 in the last 2 years on ALS walks with his family and friends. Brian, who had never before been in a congressional meeting, tirelessly walked the halls of Congress to advocate on behalf of those suffering with this deadly disease.

Brian ended his remarkable life journey and began a final journey when he finished his battle with ALS on Easter Sunday of this year. But Brian would have reminded us today that the battle to defeat ALS is still ongoing. Brian's life story reminds us what it means to live each day with love and in pursuit of ideals that truly matter. We honor Brian's life by facing the challenge to defeat ALS, with honesty and commitment to action that improves the lives of others.

MARY BAUMANN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mary Baumann, of Savannah, Missouri. Mary recently retired as Andrew County Youth Program Assistant.

Mary Baumann began her dedicated service to the 4-H Program in 1976, after serving 15 years as secretary to the Andrew County Extension Council. Mary's leadership and teaching has helped many youths as they learned through programs sponsored by the 4-H program. Mrs. Baumann is well respected and recognized as a leader throughout the Northwest Missouri University Extension region.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Mary Baumann, whose dedication and service to the community has been truly outstanding. I commend Mary on an exceptional career, and I am honored to serve her in the United States Congress.